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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

## TILLMAN BEATEN.

The South Carolina Supreme Court Decides

The Present State Dispensary Liquor Law to Be

## UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Two of the Supreme Court Justices Concur.

While the Tillmanite Associate Justice Dissents.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 19.—The Tillman state dispensary liquor law has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of South Carolina, two justices concurring and one (Tillmanite) member of the supreme bench dissenting from the opinion.

This practically settles the whisky war



GOVERNOR TILLMAN.

adversely to Governor Tillman although the decision may be appealed to the United States supreme court.

The decision was rendered by Chief Justice McIver, Justice McGowan assented, Justice Pope (the Tillman justice) dissented. The decision was rendered in a composite case composed of a case originating in Darlington and appealed to the supreme court by the state authorities and of several minor cases likewise appealed by the state.

The ground on which the law is declared unconstitutional is that it creates a monopoly for the state. Justice McIver's decision declares the law unconstitutional in nearly every respect, and especially holds that it cannot be upheld on any vital point. The profit to the state feature is declared vicious.

Governor Tillman is not talking; that it is time only for action.

## NO CHANGE AT MILWAUKEE

No Concessions Made by Either Side in the Street Car Strike.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 19.—There is no change in the street car strike situation. The officials of the road held a conference with the men this morning and they will meet again this afternoon. As far as can be learned, no concessions have been made by either side as yet.

President Cronwell of the street railway company, is engaged in secret conference with a number of gentlemen in the United States court room and it is reported that the street car company may resort to injunction.

## TO VISIT HISTORIC SPOTS.

Pilgrimage to Be Made to Revolutionary Battlefields this Summer.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—The American society for the extension of university teaching, with headquarters at Philadelphia, is organizing a historical pilgrimage to revolutionary battlefields, to be made at the close of the extension summer meeting in Philadelphia next June. On July 25 the pilgrimage will be inaugurated by a public meeting in Independence hall.

July 30 the pilgrimage turns toward New England, stopping at Hartford for a few hours. The old state house, Faneuil hall, Boston common and the Bunker Hill monument and all places of Revolutionary interest will also be visited. Among those who are expected to contribute to the pleasure of the visit to Boston are Senator Hoar, Horace E. Scudder, Edwin D. Mead, Roger Wolcott, Dr. S. A. Green, Ezekiel Butterworth, A. E. Winship, George P. Morris and others.

A reception will be tendered at the old Longfellow house by the poet's daughter, Miss Alice Longfellow.

Afterwards a day or two will be spent in New Jersey and at Trenton. The return to Philadelphia will be made about August 3 or 10. Many of the pilgrims will come from the west, and the pilgrimage will be made under the direction of Lyman P. Powell, historical lecturer for the extension society.

## THEY WANT BOX CARS.

Oklahoma Commonweal Wants Breidenbach to Interfere in Its Behalf.

State Bank Commissioner Breidenbach today received a letter from Robert J. Davis of Guthrie, Oklahoma, in which he said he had written to General Manager Frey of the Santa Fe in regard to transportation for the Guthrie division of the commonweal.

He said he had offered to pay \$5 a head for box car transportation and asked that Mr. Breidenbach call on Mr. Frey in his behalf. Davis said Breidenbach would remember him as they were on the committee together at Cincinnati when the People's party was created.

## Vermont Republicans.

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 19.—June 20 has been designated as the date for the next Republican state convention, and Montpelier as the place in which it shall be held.

## HAVE THEY AUTHORITY?

Can Railroad Commissioners Make a Rule Without Schedule If They Choose?

The action of the railroads yesterday in denying the right of the board of commissioners to adjust general freight rates was discussed considerably.

A JOURNAL reporter said to Attorney General Little: "Do you think that the board of railroad commissioners has a legal right to readjust all freight rates in the state?"

"I think the supreme court," he replied, "in the Symms grocery case have unqualifiedly decided that it is within the power of the railroad commissioners to fix a schedule for all commerce of the state. Last winter the Dunsmore house passed a maximum freight bill. By that bill it was intended to regulate freight in Kansas. But the bill failed of passage and now since the supreme court has decided that the board of railroad commissioners has power to fix a schedule of rates, the board of commissioners will accomplish through that decision what was intended to be accomplished by the maximum freight bill."

"The claims of the railroad companies that they are not making any money and that many of their roads are in the hands of receivers is not properly understood by the public. These roads are mortgaged to double and in some instances to three times the cost of building them and the interest on these mortgages is paid by excessive freight rates. This is not fair to the public. If these roads were mortgaged to only the cost of building them the railroad companies could reduce the present schedule 20 per cent and make fair profits."

Gov. Lewelling thinks that the railroads asked too much time and that 10 days would have been enough time to permit them to prepare all data necessary.

State treasurer Biddle said in regard to Gov. Robinson's proposition to make a rate on wheat: "I am of the opinion that as the petitions are general, the charges should be general."

## STOCKBRIDGE'S ILLNESS.

Reported to Be Serious But Denied by His Nephew.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 19.—Senator Stockbridge of Michigan is now visiting at the home of his nephew, James Houghteling, who says that senator while slightly indisposed is not seriously ill, as reported in a Washington dispatch today.

"Senator Stockbridge's illness is not in the least serious," said Mr. Houghteling today and there is no occasion for alarm regarding his condition. He is on his way to California but is not detained here because of ill-health as he expected to remain in Chicago for a week's visit.

## G. A. R. POST REINSTATED.

Farnham Post of New York City to Be Taken in Again.

ALBANY, April 19.—The state G. A. R. department through its council of administration has practically decided to reinstate Farnham post G. A. R., of New York City, which was expelled from the order last winter, all that is necessary to effect the reinstatement being the action and confirmation of the determination of the state council by the national G. A. R. department council of administration.

This post was expelled last winter for passing resolutions on the pension question concerning the position taken by the national G. A. R. encampment.

## DID NOT SLANDER.

The Jury so Says in the Case of John Young.

The jury in the circuit court today returned a verdict finding John Young not guilty of slandering his neighbor, Geo. A. G. Morris of Mission township.

According to the evidence in the case Mr. Young went to his neighbor as a peace-maker and said "I did not have you arrested when you were said to have stolen and moved that house off my land."

Mr. Morris said Young accused him of stealing his house and sued him for \$10,000 damages for slander. The jury refused to convict Mr. Young of slander, but did not decide whether Mr. Morris was a thief or whether it was simply not slander to call him a thief.

## BIG RUSSIAN HARVEST.

Two Hundred Thousand Soldiers to be Dismissed to Care for It.

LONDON, April 19.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Chronicle telegraphs that the government is expected to dismiss two hundred thousand soldiers from the ranks during the coming summer, with a view to facilitating the gathering of the harvest.

The government is also expected to make a reduction in the military budget, and that with a view to this end very few maneuvers will be held and the conscription will be limited.

## Bicyclist Suffering in England.

DENVER, April 19.—Walter Sanger, the crack amateur wheelman, arrived here today from Milwaukee. He will train to Cochrane for several weeks in order to become acclimated for the L. A. W. meet in this city in August and then go to Springfield, Mass., to begin the circuit.

## Have Bought the Vigilant.

NEW YORK, April 19.—George Gould says that he and his brother Howard have bought the Vigilant for \$25,000. They had no plans for the future, he added, but they would run if they get an opportunity.

## Springer Endorsed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 19.—The Sangamon county Democratic convention endorsed by an unanimous vote William M. Springer for congress. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Wilson tariff bill.

## Corrigan and Stottell.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The story published today that Mr. Stottell would prefer charges against Archbishop Corrigan at Rome, of conspiring against him, was denied by the papal ablegate today.

## Gladstone Nearly Recovered.

LONDON, April 19.—Mrs. Gladstone, replying to inquiries made concerning the health of her husband, says that he has suffered from a slight chill, but that he has now nearly recovered.

## THE COMMONWEAL.

Coxey Arrives Safely at Hagerstown Today.

Gen. Kelly's Army Starts Eastward on Foot.

## ADDS MANY RECRUITS.

Two Hundred Men Added to Its 1,500 Marchers.

Progress of Other Branches of the Industrialists.

WILLIAMSPORT, Md., April 19.—Hagerstown will receive the commonweal army this evening. The town is alarmed after the way the Coxeyites showed their teeth at Hancock last night and 70 constables have been sworn in. The army came near taking in a desperate recruit last night at Hancock. The man had been loafing for a day or two with a camp of 25 recruits that had been waiting on the outskirts of town. Just before the arrival of the commonweal boats the man was identified by Sheriff Wilhelm of Fayette county as James Mason, alleged to have been the murderer of Chief Engineer Paddock in the Connellsville coke riots two weeks ago. Mason was arrested and taken back to Fayette county.

The commonweal boats left Hancock with a good many men missing, owing to the license that had been given them in the evening.

The laggards either followed the tow path, or cut across the country and rejoined the main body here. The army breakfasted on the flats between the canal and the river and at noon took up the march for Hagerstown, expecting to camp there tonight.

Carl Browne has issued a card of merit to all the commonwealers who made the terrible march over the mountains. It reads like this:

The commonweal of Christ: This certificate is given to John Southern, group 3, commune 1, Chicago community of the commonweal of Christ, is entitled to this souvenir for heroic conduct in crossing the Cumberland mountains in the face of snow and ice and despite police persecution and dissension breeders.

The card is signed by Commander Coxey and Chief Marshal Browne.

## KELLY EASTWARD BOUND.

He Goes on Foot to Weston Where a Train Is to Be Furnished.

OMAHA, April 19.—Kelly's army of industrialists, wet, bedraggled with mud and chilled to the bone, broke camp today and started from the Council Bluffs Chautauqua grounds east on foot. During the night the ranks had been swelled by the arrival from Nevada of a company of 65 men under Capt. M. Gorman and this morning further acquisitions were received when Capt. Morgan with his two companies of commonwealers, 110 men strong, reached camp from the west by way of the Union Pacific.

The objective point of today's march is Weston, fifteen miles east of Council Bluffs on the Rock Island and Milwaukee roads. It is believed that a train will be secured at Weston to carry the army east, and that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul will be the line over which the industrialists will be carried into Chicago.

Gen. Kelly will not talk much of his plans, as he says he has been tricked so often by the railroads that he proposes to keep quiet until he has made a success of his move. The distance from the camp to Weston is about seven miles and the army will not reach the latter point until evening.

The march of a good breakfast before breaking camp and enough provisions were taken along to last for two days. It developed this afternoon that Kelly's reason for marching was that he had been promised a train by representatives of various brotherhoods. He held a consultation last night with his leaders and it was agreed that they would furnish a train at their own expense to take the army to Chicago.

Representatives of the brotherhoods of engineers and firemen promised to call on the general managers of the Chicago & Council Bluffs line today in Chicago and make the necessary arrangements with one of the roads.

It was agreed that Kelly should march today as far as Weston, by which time it was believed that the train could be secured and the army taken on board tonight. If however, the train is not secured in time, the army is to spend the night at Weston and march in the morning to Underwood, eight miles further east, where the brotherhood train will pick the soldiers up.

The commonwealers are having a hard march of it today, as the weather has suddenly turned cold and a drizzling rain is falling. Many of the men are sick with colds, and several are threatened with pneumonia as a result of the exposure.

## THEY GET TO CINCINNATI.

Fry's Brigade of Industrialists Expect Railroad Transportation.

CINCINNATI, April 19.—There was no invasion of the city today by Gen. Fry's men, who camped yesterday evening at Cochrane, Ind. A detachment of police is still waiting five miles from the western city limits to prevent entrance to the city.

The probabilities are that transportation will be provided and the men will be taken east without stopping at Cincinnati.

## STIRS UP A ROW.

Peffer's Resolution Providing For the Coming of the Commonweal.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Senator Peffer stirred up quite a hornet's nest in the senate today by calling up his resolution for the appointment of a committee on communications to receive the petitions of Coxey's army.

He explained the object of the resolution as being a preparation for the proper reception of this body of men, and to give them every facility to present their grievances to congress.

The senate, regarded by many as the

American house of lords, would have an opportunity to show that it was not out of touch with the people by appointing this committee.

The country, he said, was on the verge of trouble, and unless we are wise and managed our affairs with discretion, we would regret it in the near future. The times were ripe for such movements, but this was a peaceful body of men, coming here to lay their grievances before congress.

Mr. Peffer was followed by Senator Allen (Pop. Neb.) who, while not entirely approving of Coxey's action, asserted the perfect right of Coxey and his followers to come to Washington if they chose, and not only that, but they had a right to come into the capitol and occupy the galleries of the senate, and it would be unwise on the part of the senate to refuse them this privilege.

They had also a right to be heard, and no man, whether he be a senator or a citizen, had a right to deny them that right. He bitterly denounced the report that Gen. Ordway, of the national guard of the District of Columbia was preparing to mobilize the militia at the confines of the District of Columbia.

"This man is coming here with perfect right," continued Mr. Allen, "with rights which under the constitution are as sacred as those of any other man, woman or child and yet we witness the spectacle of this city being thrown into convulsions over the expectation of seeing this peaceful body of men come into the city."

## TRIES TO GET HIS FOOT OUT.

Gov. Jackson And the Council Bluffs Sheriff Quarrel Over Responsibility.

OMAHA, April 19.—When the Kelly army had started on its eastward march today, Gov. Jackson was seen by a reporter and asked what was to be done with the militia.

He shall not order it to follow the industrialists until Sheriff Hazen gives the word. It shall be kept at the transfer for the present however, ready for instant duty."

It was expected that a conference was to take place this morning between the governor and the sheriff with a view to seeing which of them should be in control of the militia.

The demeanor of each has indicated all along that he was perfectly willing to drop out and let the burden of responsibility fall upon the shoulders of the other, but now that the sheriff has gotten out from under, he proposes to stay, and he did not confer with the governor.

## THE CALIFORNIA ARMY.

Union Pacific Thinks the West Has Unloaded Enough on the East.

DENVER, April 19.—General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific, is in the city. He was asked to cooperate with the Southern Pacific road in forwarding the second California army. This he refused to do on the grounds that California was no worse off than eastern states and should take care of its own poor.

## AT DES MOINES.

Preparation to Entertain Kelly's Army When It Gets There.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 19.—Mayor Hillis was today notified by telegram by Kelly's army movements. Mayor Hillis called a special meeting of the council to take action in the matter. It is believed a committee will be appointed to solicit subscriptions to supply the men with food and shelter will be provided for them when they arrive here.

## IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

Lord Salisbury Says the Question of Home Rule is a Momentous One.

LONDON, April 19.—An enormous audience, which included very many members of the aristocracy greeted Lord Salisbury, the Conservative leader, when he addressed the Primrose league this afternoon at Covent Garden theater. Lord Salisbury said that he was in a position which was critical for the endurance of the institutions which it was the special mission of the league to sustain.

Lord Salisbury denounced the registration bill, which he said, would disfranchise thousands and enfranchise many who were mere vagrants.

## A KNOTTY JOB.

Trouble With the Books in the State Auditor's Office.

The force in the state auditor's office is in trouble. The book-keeper, W. G. Hubbard, is having trouble with the books. In the first ledger ever used in the office, opened in 1866, known as ledger "A," the accounts are closed, but he says he can not find a transfer of the balances. Ledger "B" makes no showing of the accounts having been transferred.

All the accounts are with counties and the settlements were for sales of school lands. According to ledger "A," closed in 1882, the various counties are indebted to the state in the sum of \$46,655.42. The counties against which the largest balance stands is Washington, and the amount is \$7,190.89; Marshall, \$7,728.04; McPherson, \$1,372.30.

The book-keeper thinks that a settlement was made, but does not understand why the amounts were not entered on the ledger.

## A THIEF ARRESTED.

Just Released From Prison and Plundered a Notion Store.

Officer Campbell arrested a rough looking character at noon today, and took him to police headquarters where he gave the name of Tom Riley. He took a large bundle of table cloths and other linen which are valued at about \$25, from in front of Ferguson's notion store on lower Kansas avenue. Officer Campbell was called and arrested him and turned the goods over to the proprietor. The charge against Riley will be grand larceny.

He was just released from the city prison yesterday, where he served a sentence for drunk and disturbance of the peace. He has the appearance of being a professional tramp.

## Polish Strikers Quiet.

DETROIT, April 19.—Everything is quiet in the Polish quarter today and the authorities anticipate no further trouble. Three of the ring leaders and about 20 of the mob are in jail.

## SHOT DEAD.

Bill Dalton the Noted Outlaw Killed.

In a Terrible Fight Near Perry, Oklahoma.

## HIS GANG WIPED OUT.

Bill Doolan and "Bitter Creek" Also Dead.

Two U. S. Marshals Killed in the Battle.

KANSAS CITY, April 19.—A special to the Star from Perry, Okla., says: News was received here this morning by messenger that a terrible fight occurred about 40 miles east of here near Ewan mountain yesterday afternoon and night. The noted outlaws Bill Dalton and Bill Doolan and another outlaw said to be "Bitter Creek," were killed dead on the spot, and a woman and her little girls were killed dead, so also were two deputy marshals.

Marshal Nix, of Oklahoma, has been planning for some days to catch the Dalton gang, and Marshal Cox with Heck Thomas and Bill Tighemann, of Perry, with a crowd of deputy marshals left some days ago for the eastern part of the Cherokee strip in pursuit of the Daltons.

The marshals met Bruce Miller, one of the gang and the fight commenced. This was on McElroy's ranch, fifteen miles this side of Ingalls. Bill Dalton and Bill Doolan were near by when the fight occurred and went to Bruce Miller's assistance and a regular fight took place. The messengers left the place of conflict last night at 8 o'clock, and they report the above. They say that eight persons in all had been killed and the latest news from the field of conflict is that a running fight is still in progress and that it looks very much like the noted outlaw gang will be swept out of existence.

The price of Dalton's capture, dead or alive, is \$2,500, and the price of Bill Doolan's head is \$1,500.

The best officers of the territory are camping on the outlaw's trail and at this hour the latest news from the field of carnage is that the Dalton gang is a thing of the past. They have terrorized Oklahoma and southern Kansas for the past four years. Several messengers arrived from the vicinity of Ewan mountain this morning.

## LATE STATE HOUSE NEWS.

Doings at the State House This Afternoon.

The state executive committee of the Y. M. C. A. has applied to Adjutant General Davis for 200 tents. They are to be used at the annual bible school of the Y. M. C. A. and Christian Endeavor societies to be held in Ottawa in June. He has granted the request.

State Mine Inspector Gallagher drew \$500 from the state treasury today as salary for the past quarter.

Secretary Adams, of the State Historical society, has had the picture of the Leecompton log cabin, where the election frauds under the first state administration were committed, photographed.

An appeal in the case of Mary A. High vs. The City of Topeka, was filed today by City Attorney Tillotson in the state supreme court. The case was for damages sustained through a defective sidewalk and was tried before Judge Johnson. The plaintiff was awarded \$1,500 and a motion for a new trial overruled.

The Washara Free Church of God, of Lyon county, has been chartered. The trustees are F. O. Hill, H. A. Goodrich and T. M. Ward.

## South Dakota Wheat Prospects.

ST. PAUL, April 19.—Thirty-five South Dakota counties report to the government weather crop bureau that over the south half of the state, wheat seeding is from three-fourths to fully completed and oats seeding far advanced. Considerable wheat and oats have sprouted and look well.

## Coal Mines Closed.

State Mine Inspector Gallagher has returned from the Osage mining district. He says that he found a great deal of dissatisfaction among the miners. Fifty-four mines were all he found in operation. He says that he understands that many of the mines which were closed down some time ago will soon start up and better times for the miners are anticipated.

## Union Pacific Arrivals.

John F. Carter, Lessee. H. G. Adams, A. Adams, Maple Hill, Kas.; L. Elwood, Atchison, Kas.; Chas. Kubach and wife, Abilene, Kas.; J. W. White, Chicago; Sam. Kimble, John E. Hensen, Manhattan, Kas.; D. C. Brock, Kansas City; O. B. Cunningham, Ft. Scott; Lee Monroe, Waverly, Kas.; T. J. Smith, C. M. Hill, Marion, Kas.; E. H. Wilken, Kansas City; W. J. Parry, St. Joe; J. H. Barwickham, J. F. Kelly, Joe Klein, L. B. Potter, Kansas City; D. N. Thompson, Morganville, Kas.; E. F. Apitz, Lawrence; G. H. Harris, C. E. Myers, Ft. Scott; C. E. Foote, Marion, Kas.; F. D. Wilson, Kansas City; De Witt Walsh, Topeka.

## LOCAL MENTION.

A. F. Ady, who keeps a small store at 810 North Kansas avenue, reports that his store had been broken into last night and a quantity of cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco taken. It is supposed that the theft was committed by boys.

Shortly after noon today dark ominous clouds appeared in the southwest and at 1:30 a slight rain fell accompanied by a strong wind that blew at a rate of over 40 miles an hour. The storm lasted only about 30 minutes. Weather Officer Jennings thinks the storm grew in force and was stronger northeast of here. He expects the weather tomorrow to be rather warmer but cloudy.

## TOPEKA'S COMMONWEAL.

"An Army" Will Be Organized in This City Saturday Night—Perry.

The "Commonweal" idea, a trifle late, and with a week's growth of whalers on it, has struck Topeka at last, and there is now a likelihood that Topeka will send her quota in charge of some "captain" or "general" on to the national capital to join Coxey.

As a progressive city Topeka had fallen behind the procession, but now G. C. Clemens and a few others have awakened to the realization that Topeka must be up and doing if she would retain her place at the head of the class. To this end there will be a "Commonweal" meeting at the Shawnee county court house next Saturday night, to which all those who would "like to march on" to Washington in a cattle car and all those interested in the commonweal cause, those who champion the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, and others are invited to attend.

Mr. Clemens will make a speech; one of those speeches which only he can make, that almost persuades the hearers that the police are worse than Indians and that it is better to resist oppression by any means but the ballot box. Judge John Guthrie told Mr. Clemens that he would make a speech also, and Noah Allen will be another speaker. Major T. J. Anderson was asked to make a speech and he said, "Oh, yes, certainly. I will make a speech, and furnish box-cars as far as Chicago. I am glad the meeting is going to be held." But the major laughed in such a way that he left his hearers in doubt.

It is said that there is plenty of "talent" in Topeka to form such an army, at least 100 strong. If all the hoboes around the railroad yards who say they want to go to Washington would enlist, an army could be started out of Topeka, in charge of some able-bodied "unknown," larger than Coxey's army of followers.

## STRIKERS HESITATE.

Great Northern Men Awaiting Action of a Mass Meeting in Minneapolis.

ST. PAUL, April 19.—The Great Northern railroad employes in Minneapolis were ordered out by telegraph and all the night switching crews quit work. The strikers assembled in their hall and discussed the situation at some length. They did not relish the idea of going out before they thoroughly understood the situation. Mr. Young, president of the Minneapolis union, was appointed a committee to wait on President Debs at his hotel and if possible, get him to define the situation.

Mr. Young drove to St. Paul in an open carriage, arriving at 8:30 o'clock. After listening to the decision of the Minneapolis employes, as stated by Mr. Young, he declared the strike off for the present pending the result of the mass meeting to be held in Minneapolis today.

The officers of the American Railway Union in Minneapolis are today in a city conferring with President Debs and Vice President Howard as to the situation. The strike leaders announce that there will be no more meetings of the Minneapolis union men in that city tonight.

## The Deputy Marshal's Work.

The deputy marshals sent out yesterday to serve the injunctions have all reached their destination without interference. It is the plan of the company to work on the Minnesota divisions first and after getting them in perfect order to proceed west, a division at a time so that the injunction will not be served in Montana at present.

The morning train for Fergus Falls and Barnesville, left about two hours late. As the schedule is all broken up in any event it was thought best to delay the trains until the situation in Minneapolis was certain the trains were manned by men in whom they had perfect confidence, so that it would be unnecessary to send out detectives or marshals.

## TO STRIKE TONIGHT.

Two City Employees Expected to Quit—Hill Calls on Gov. Nelson.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 19.—The "Twin City" employes, of the Great Northern, numbering 1,250 men, members of the American Railway Union, are expected to strike tonight, according to present arrangements. They have been practically idle for two days, but have not formally struck.

The first move toward a settlement of the strike was made this afternoon by President Debs and Vice President Howard, seeking to hold a conference with President J. J. Hill. There had been no previous conference of the company's officials and the American Railway Union officials.

President Hill called on Gov. Nelson